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**Office Action Summary**

Application No.

09/523,639

Applicant(s)

CHAKRABARTI ET AL.

Examiner

Chau Nguyen

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**Period for Reply**

A SHORTENED STATUTORY PERIOD FOR REPLY IS SET TO EXPIRE 3 MONTH(S) FROM THE MAILING DATE OF THIS COMMUNICATION.

- Extensions of time may be available under the provisions of 37 CFR 1.136(a). In no event, however, may a reply be timely filed after SIX (6) MONTHS from the mailing date of this communication.
- If the period for reply specified above is less than thirty (30) days, a reply within the statutory minimum of thirty (30) days will be considered timely.
- If NO period for reply is specified above, the maximum statutory period will apply and will expire SIX (6) MONTHS from the mailing date of this communication.
- Failure to reply within the set or extended period for reply will, by statute, cause the application to become ABANDONED (35 U.S.C. § 133). Any reply received by the Office later than three months after the mailing date of this communication, even if timely filed, may reduce any earned patent term adjustment. See 37 CFR 1.704(b).

**Status**

- 1) ☒ Responsive to communication(s) filed on 16 April 2004.
- 2a) ☐ This action is **FINAL**. 2b) ☒ This action is non-final.
- 3) ☐ Since this application is in condition for allowance except for formal matters, prosecution as to the merits is closed in accordance with the practice under *Ex parte Quayle*, 1935 C.D. 11, 453 O.G. 213.

**Disposition of Claims**

- 4) ☒ Claim(s) 1-7 and 9-16 is/are pending in the application.
- 4a) Of the above claim(s) \_\_\_\_\_ is/are withdrawn from consideration.
- 5) ☐ Claim(s) \_\_\_\_\_ is/are allowed.
- 6) ☐ Claim(s) \_\_\_\_\_ is/are rejected.
- 7) ☐ Claim(s) \_\_\_\_\_ is/are objected to.
- 8) ☐ Claim(s) \_\_\_\_\_ are subject to restriction and/or election requirement.

**Application Papers**

- 9) ☐ The specification is objected to by the Examiner.
- 10) ☐ The drawing(s) filed on \_\_\_\_\_ is/are: a) ☐ accepted or b) ☐ objected to by the Examiner.  
Applicant may not request that any objection to the drawing(s) be held in abeyance. See 37 CFR 1.85(a).  
Replacement drawing sheet(s) including the correction is required if the drawing(s) is objected to. See 37 CFR 1.121(d).
- 11) ☐ The oath or declaration is objected to by the Examiner. Note the attached Office Action or form PTO-152.

**Priority under 35 U.S.C. § 119**

- 12) ☐ Acknowledgment is made of a claim for foreign priority under 35 U.S.C. § 119(a)-(d) or (f).
- a) ☐ All b) ☐ Some \* c) ☐ None of:
1. ☐ Certified copies of the priority documents have been received.
  2. ☐ Certified copies of the priority documents have been received in Application No. \_\_\_\_\_.
  3. ☐ Copies of the certified copies of the priority documents have been received in this National Stage application from the International Bureau (PCT Rule 17.2(a)).

\* See the attached detailed Office action for a list of the certified copies not received.

**Attachment(s)**

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| 1) <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Notice of References Cited (PTO-892)  | 4) <input type="checkbox"/> Interview Summary (PTO-413)<br>Paper No(s)/Mail Date. _____ |
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### **DETAILED ACTION**

1. In view of the Appeal Brief filed on 04/16/2004, PROSECUTION IS HEREBY REOPENED. A new ground of rejection is set forth below.

To avoid abandonment of the application, appellant must exercise one of the following two options:

(1) file a reply under 37 CFR 1.111 (if this Office action is non-final) or a reply under 37 CFR 1.113 (if this Office action is final); or,

(2) request reinstatement of the appeal.

If reinstatement of the appeal is requested, such request must be accompanied by a supplemental appeal brief, but no new amendments, affidavits (37 CFR 1.130, 1.131 or 1.132) or other evidence are permitted. See 37 CFR 1.193(b)(2).

2. Claims 1-7 and 9-16 are presented for examination.

### ***Claim Rejections - 35 USC § 103***

3. The following is a quotation of 35 U.S.C. 103(a) which forms the basis for all obviousness rejections set forth in this Office action:

(a) A patent may not be obtained though the invention is not identically disclosed or described as set forth in section 102 of this title, if the differences between the subject matter sought to be patented and the

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prior art are such that the subject matter as a whole would have been obvious at the time the invention was made to a person having ordinary skill in the art to which said subject matter pertains. Patentability shall not be negated by the manner in which the invention was made.

4. Claims 1-4, 7, 9-10, 13-16 are rejected under 35 U.S.C. 103(a) as being unpatentable over Adar et al. (Adar), US Patent No. 6,493,702, and further in view of Jammes et al. (Jammes), US Patent No. 6,484,149.

5. As to claims 1, 7, 13, and 15-16, Adar discloses a computer system, comprising:

at least one user computer (col. 10, lines 8-53 and Figs. 9-10);

a data input device associated with the user computer (col. 10, lines 1-53);

a Web server communicating with the user computer (col. 5, line 38 – col. 4, line 19);

server logic means at the Web server for generating a table of inlinks to at least on Web page associated with the Web server (col. 5, line 58 – col. 6, line 19, col. 7, lines 1-19, and col. 10, lines 8-53: bookmark server in database 120 tracks availability and newness for each bookmark in the background and creates a list of bookmarks 212 (table of inlinks), and each bookmark or a link is linked to a website)

user logic means at the user computer for accessing the table of inlinks (col. 10, lines 8-53: the browser at the user's system received bookmark list from the bookmark server);

However, Adar does not explicitly disclose generating a list of sibling links based on the table, each sibling link being an outlink of one of the inlinks in the table, for accessing the sibling links. Jammes discloses a list of links includes several hyperlinks such as "automotive", "computer", and "clothing", and when a user selects a hyperlink, for example "automotive" hyperlink, html text file according to "automotive" link is interpreted by the Web browser to generate a Web page that contains three hyperlinks (sibling links or outlinks), and the user can also continue to access any one of these three hyperlinks (sibling links) (co. 45, line 17 – col. 47, line 67 and Figs. 17, 18 and 19). Thus, it would have been obvious to one of ordinary skill in the art at the time the invention was made to combine the teachings of Jammes and Adar to include generating a list of sibling links based on the table, each sibling link being an outlink of one of the inlinks in the table, for accessing the sibling links. Jammes suggests that organizing web pages presented to each customer is customized according to recorded shopping or searching habits of the particular consumer to make the on-line shopping/searching experience more convenient and expedient as well as more pleasant.

6. As to claims 2 and 9, Adar and Jammes (Adar-Jammes) disclose wherein the user logic means includes means for downloading the table from the Web server to the user computer (Adar, Fig. 10)

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7. As to claims 3, 10, and 14, Adar-Jammes disclose wherein the user logic means includes: means for downloading the table from the Web server to the user computer (Adar, Fig. 10 and col. 10, line 8 – col. 11, line 16); and

means for automatically accessing the inlinks to search the inlinks for predetermined information (Adar, col. 8, lines 25-40 and Figs. 4 and 10).

8. As to claim 4, Adar-Jammes disclose a data storage device for storing at least portions of the table (Adar, Fig. 10 and col. 10, line 8 – col. 11, line 16).

9. Claims 5-6 and 11-12 are rejected under 35 U.S.C. 103(a) as being unpatentable over Adar et al. (Adar), US Patent No. 6,493,702, Jammes et al. (Jammes), US Patent No. 6,484,149, and further in view of Khan, US Patent No. 6,546,393.

10. As to claims 5 and 11, Adar-Jammes disclose the limitations as discussed in claims 1-4, 7, 9-10, 13-16 above. However, Adar-Jammes do not explicitly disclose means at the Web server for pruning inlinks in the table in response to at least one preselected criterium. Khan discloses bookmarks (table of inlinks) may be displayed on each page by a default of approximately 250 bookmarks, or a user can change the number of bookmarks that want displayed on each page by setting user options (col. 15, lines 13-22). Thus, it would have been obvious to one of ordinary skill in the art at the time the invention was made to combine the teaching of Khan and Adar-Jammes to include pruning inlinks in the table in

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response to at least one preselected criterium to allow users unlimited bookmarks and to present them more efficiently.

11. As to claims 6 and 12, Adar-Jammes and Khan disclose wherein the preselected criterium is based at least in part on a number of selections of each inlink (Khan, col. 15, lines 13-22: for allowing users unlimited bookmarks and to present them more efficiently).

### **Response to Arguments**

12. Applicant's arguments, see Appeal Brief, filed April 16, 2004, with respect to the rejection(s) of claim(s) 1-7 and 9-16 under Lee et al. in view of Bezos have been fully considered and are persuasive. Therefore, the rejection has been withdrawn. However, upon further consideration, a new ground(s) of rejection is made over Adar et al. (Adar), US Patent No. 6,493,702, Jammes et al. (Jammes), US Patent No. 6,484,149, and further in view of Khan, US Patent No. 6,546,393.

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***Conclusion***

Any inquiry concerning this communication or earlier communications from the examiner should be directed to Chau Nguyen whose telephone number is (703) 305-4639. The Examiner can normally be reached on Monday-Friday from 8:00 am to 6:00 pm.

If attempts to reach the Examiner by telephone are unsuccessful, the Examiner's supervisor, Joseph Feild, can be reached at (703) 305-9792.

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(703) 872-9306 (After Final Communications only)

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Inquiries of a general nature relating to the general status of this application or proceeding should be directed to the 2100 Group receptionist whose telephone number is (703) 305-3900.

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